

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION – FOUR YEAR PLAN 2022/23 – 2025/26

Project/Function/Area of activity:

Officials Education and Assessment

Committee/Commission:

Single & Pair Skating Technical Committee (SPTC)

Statement of specific results & benefits to be obtained:

- Improve the level of knowledge and experience of ISU, International and National Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Referees, Data and Replay Operators and in particular strive for the improvement in the following areas:
 - o properly identify all elements and flaws
 - o apply proper rules and guidelines for evaluation of the elements and components
 - o further understand all the criteria and correct use of marks
 - o correctly evaluate performances.
- Recruit new knowledgeable Officials especially in countries where only a limited number of these Officials exists:
 - o evaluate potential Officials during ISU Officials Seminars
 - o assist Members in the development/education of Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Referees, Judges, Data and Replay Operators
- Improve the Technical Rules related to Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges and Referees when necessary to avoid ambiguities.
- Monitor development of the sport and propose changes and amendments to existing Rules
- Create and implement new guidelines for the performance evaluation of Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Referees and Judges.

Recommended activities to obtain benefits:

	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
1. Improvement and expansion of the Officials education programs.				
1.1 Continuation by the SPTC of annual ISU sponsored, recognized Judges seminars and webinar.	X	X	X	X
1.2 Continuation by the SPTC of the education of Technical Controllers and Technical Specialists.	X	X	X	X
1.3 Continuation by the SPTC of ISU recognized seminars and target curriculum to the knowledge of the respective ISU Member (if possible through funding from the Development Program).	X	X	X	X
1.4 Continuation by the SPTC of specialized seminars such as Pair Skating, Components Marks, Technical Controllers/Specialists Seminar, Referees and Moderators seminars.	X	X	X	X
1.5 Continuation of Pair Skating education program for ISU/National Judges in conjunction with the proposed International Pair Skating Development project.	X	X	X	X
1.6 Production/updating and making available by the SPTC the necessary educational materials, i.e.				
o create and update materials on marking the GOE	X		X	
o create and update materials on marking components		X		X
o create and update Technical Panel Manuals.	X	X	X	X
1.7 Improvement of the seminars by SPTC enlisting the assistance of				
o Coaches	X	X	X	X
o Choreographers	X	X	X	X
o Music experts	X	X	X	X
o Communication experts	X		X	
o Media/TV experts.		X		X

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2. Continuation of the organization and supervision by the SPTC of Referee's and Technical Controller/Specialist's Seminars including in-depth education on the Rules and improvement of communication skills with the assistance of media and communication experts.	X	X	X	X
3. Continuation of IJM and Technical Panel mini-seminars moderated by a TC Member at ISU Championships.	X	X	X	X
4. Education and Training of moderators by the SPTC in cooperation with communication specialists and possibly with assistance from the Development Program				
o to improve the education technique of moderators through practical and simulation exercises	X		X	
o to develop a program to train new moderators.		X		X
5. Formulation and distribution by the SPTC of seminar materials for national seminar in ISU Members countries.		X		X
6. Update the ISU website with specific information related to details and definitions of the elements available for Members, Officials, Skaters, Coaches and Media.	X	X	X	X
7. Improvement of the quality of Round Table Discussion by SPTC instructing Referees to include when available the use of DVD replay sequences.	X	X	X	X
8. Officials Assessment Maintenance by the SPTC in cooperation with the ISU Secretariat of an Officials Database (Activity Book) in order to trace the Officials activity and performances. Assessment and performance evaluation of the Officials by the SPTC, when necessary issuing Performance Assessments (Assessment 1-4) and corresponding promotions, demotions or status-quo of the Officials level of judging/refereeing.	X	X	X	X
9. Update the guidelines for the evaluation of judging which include not only the so called "corridor", but allow to trace serious errors of the Judges who are inside this corridor.	X			X
10. Continuation and improvement by the SPTC of the yearly Officials Examinations.	X	X	X	X
11. Trial judging of the candidates at International Competition being held in conjunction with a Sponsored or Recognized Judges Seminar.	X	X	X	X
12. Close follow-up by the SPTC of the technical development of skating through event attendance and dialogue with Technical Controllers/Specialists, Judges, Referees, Coaches and Skaters and other Office Holders and Officials. Identify critical areas for proper officiating propose the necessary Rule changes to Congress or issue the necessary clarifications through ISU Communications.	X	X	X	X

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